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via E-mail to: [HYPERLINK

Subject: OIG Project Number OA-FY23-51 (The EPA's Clean School Bus Program)

Sir or Madam:

During a review of the *Project Notification Memorandums* page of the EPA Office of Inspector General (OIG) website, we noticed the OIG has announced the start of **OIG Project No. OA-FY23-0051 (The EPA's Clean School Bus Program)**. The purpose of this letter is to introduce myself to you in the event that you find that information or data needed for this engagement may be in the possession of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

As the Chief Auditor of the TCEQ, one of my roles is to serve as liaison to auditors of external oversight entities. In that role, I can assist with ensuring that responsive information you require from the TCEQ is provided to your staff in a timely fashion.

If you determine that the above-referenced project would benefit from any information from the TCEQ, I would appreciate it if you would add me as a contact on any audit notifications or requests for information sent to the agency.

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Of course, you may also feel free to contact me by phone (512-239-1322) or e-mail at [HYPERLINK "mailto:mike.hardison@tceq.texas.gov"]. Thank you and I look forward to working with your staff to ensure that they are provided all necessary information to complete their engagement.

Regards,

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